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FROM:

Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer

RE:

Jack Watterson's Dime Claims, DOE/015/004

On April 2, 1987, I spoke by telephone with Neil Simmons, geologist, of the BLM (San Rafael Resource Area). He stated that since the Watterson operation closed down prior to 1981, he had no authority to require any reclamation or safety measures by the operator.

On April 3, 1987, I spoke by telephone with Jack Baker (259-6143) of the Moab MSHA office. He stated that it would be futile for MSHA to try to have Mr. Watterson seal the decline at this late date.

Jack Watterson's whereabouts are unknown at this time. If locatable, a letter could be sent to him requesting that he seal the decline for safety and liability reasons. This letter would probably be a waste of time since the Division has no authority over a Declaration of Exemption to require these measures.

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